

Read the text and answer questions 1 to 2.

Please accept my notice to terminate my employment. I am grateful for the opportunity given to me. However, I cannot continue working here at such a low wage.

Brian

1. What is the writer's purpose of writing the text?
 - A. To show his gratitude for having a job opportunity.
 - B. To send his proposal for having higher salary.
 - C. To inform his resignation proposal.
 - D. To request for being an employee.
2. Why does the writer want to quit from his job?
 - A. He has better job opportunity.
 - B. He becomes a new employer.
 - C. He looks for a better future.
 - D. He gets small payment.

Read the text and answer questions 3 to 5.

Dear Students,
Please be informed that the English Placement test will take place on:
Saturday, Feb 3rd, 2018 at 8.15
Unit 2, Bintang Room

You must have your student ID with you

Be there on time. Any student who fails to take this placement test will have to wait for the first semester of year 2017-2018. Students are not allowed to repeat the English Placement test, so do your best and good luck.

3. The text tells us about ... of English Placement test.
 - A. the general conditions
 - B. the specific requirements
 - C. the thorough explanation
 - D. the particular information
4. From the text we know that students
 - A. have to come punctually
 - B. start to do the test at a quarter to eight
 - C. are not prohibited to repeat the placement test
 - D. may take the test in the next semester if they fail
5. "Students are not allowed to repeat ..."
The underlined words are similar in meaning with
 - A. banned
 - B. disqualified
 - C. discharged
 - D. recommended

Read the text and answer questions 6 to 8.



6. What is the announcement about?
 - A. The postponement of commercial flights at 5p.m. on Saturday 9th.
 - B. The cancelation of commercial flights caused by hurricane Irma.
 - C. The security check regarding to the passengers safety.
 - D. The airline status regarding to the flight cancelation.
7. What should the passengers do after reading the announcement?
 - A. To check the status of the concerning flight.
 - B. To report the delay to the airline officer.
 - C. To book a hotel room at the airport.
 - D. To change another flight.
8. From the text we know that the Saturday 9th flights at 5 p.m. will be ceased ... to hurricane Irma.
 - A. because
 - B. since
 - C. due
 - D. for

Read the text and answer questions 9 to 10.

YOU'RE INVITED
 STUDENTS, BOARD & ALUMNI
 SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2018
 5.00 – 7.00P.M.
 3RD FLOOR CAFÉ, MIDTOWN CAMPUS

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF DRINKS, SNACKS, AND LIVELY
 CONVERSATION
 THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ATTENDEES
 TO GET TO KNOW AND BUILD RELATIONSHIPS
 WITH BINTANG SAMODRA BOARD MEMBERS, STUDENTS AND ALUMNI

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9. What is the purpose of the text? To invite
 - A. alumni to participate in a dinner
 - B. students to attend a farewell party
 - C. the school members to attend a gathering
 - D. the previous school board members to a gathering
10. What an alumnus needs to do if he wants to join the event?
 - A. Contact the board members.
 - B. Tell the other attendees.
 - C. Report to the principal.
 - D. Inform the committee.

Read the text and answer questions 11 to 12.

Leonardo da Vinci

Leonardo da Vinci was born a son of a Florentine noble and peasant woman; he grew up in Vinci, Italy. He began to display his remarkable academic and artistic talents in his early age.

In 1466, he moved to Florence where he entered the workshop of Verrocchio. His first work of significance was the "Adoration of the Magi" commissioned by monks of San Donato a Scopeto. Although unfinished, the work was a masterpiece and introduced several new ideas. He also pioneered the use of Chiaroscuro, the technique of defining forms through the contrast of light and shadow. This would be later used to great effect in the Mona Lisa.

In 1482, he painted the famous artworks "Madonna on the Rocks" and also "The Last Supper", which has been described as one of his greatest religious paintings. With Christ at the centre of the picture, it embodies great feeling and emotion as Christ is about to announce his imminent betrayal by Judas. The painting is held at the Convent of Santa Maria Delle Grazie, Milan, but unfortunately over time the quality of the original painting has deteriorated, despite frequent restoration attempts.

11. What does the last paragraph talk about?
 - A. Leonardo's original paintings restoration.
 - B. The deteriorated quality of Leonardo's original painting.
 - C. The description of the greatest religious paintings .
 - D. Leonardo's great feeling of Judas' betrayal.
12. "His first work of significance was ..." (Paragraph 2)
The underlined word is closest in meaning to
 - A. worth
 - B. value
 - C. impact
 - D. esteem

Read the text and answer questions 13 to 15.

COOKING CLASS

Come get messy and show the kids how much fun it can be.
To eat healthy while we make energy bites, smoothies, and acai bowls.
Stay and have lunch with friends or drop them off so you can get stuff done.

Ages 6-12 ,

Sunday, Feb 4th 10-11.30

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13. The text is addressed to
 - A. children
 - B. parents
 - C. cooks
 - D. kids
14. The quota of the cooking class is
 - A. restricted
 - B. unlimited
 - C. unrestricted
 - D. measured
15. "... to reserve your spot ASAP"
The underlined word is closest in meaning to
 - A. bill
 - B. book
 - C. charge
 - D. purchase

Read the text and answer questions 16 to 19.

LARRY PAGE

Lawrence "Larry" Page is one of the most influential person in the world. Page is an American computer scientist and an internet entrepreneur. He was a co-founder of Google with his friend, Sergey Brin, in 1998. Now, he plays a role as the chief executive officer (CEO) of Alphapets, Google's parent company.

Larry Page was born on 26th March 1973 in Michigan. By 2017, his age is 44 years old. The color of his hair is dark brown and his skin is fair. Larry Page has married to a research scientist named Lucinda Southworth. Now, he is a father of two children.

In November 2016, he became the 12th richest person in the world. Larry's last education background is a Ph.D. from Stanford University. Here, he met Sergey Brin. Then, they incorporated Google in order to make world's information easy to access. This company makes him to be the successful person in the world.

16. The writer's intention to write the text is
 - A. to inform about the founder of Google
 - B. to explain about Larry Page's description
 - C. to tell how Larry Page becomes a successful person
 - D. to describe the Chief Executive Officer of Alphapets
17. Based on the text, we can describe that Larry Page is
 - A. unmarried man
 - B. a research scientist
 - C. a doctorate degree graduate
 - D. the only co-founder of Google
18. Larry Page is one of the successful persons in the world because he
 - A. can influence people to use Google
 - B. is a Stanford University graduate
 - C. established Google company
 - D. holds an internet research
19. "Then, they incorporated Google in order to...."
 The underlined word is closest meaning to
 - A. united
 - B. merged
 - C. combined
 - D. founded

Read the text and answer questions 20 to 23.

Taj Mahal is one icon from India which is very famous for its beautiful architecture and history. It is specifically located in Agra.

This building was established during the reign of Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan. It took around 22 years to build Taj Mahal. It was dedicated as a grave to his wife, the Empress Arjumand Banu Begum known as Mumtaz Mahal. Although the Emperor had had two other wives, but the Empress Mumtaz Mahal was the one he loved very much. After the birth of their daughter, the Empress passed away. Then Mughal Emperor ordered his ministers to design the Taj Mahal as a symbol of his love to the Empress.

The building looks so majestic with white marble from the front. Taj Mahal consists of the main gate, the garden, a mosque, a living room, and some white and beautiful buildings.

Especially at sunrise and sunset, this building looks so wonderful.

20. The text tells us about
 - A. the iconic Indian building named Taj Mahal
 - B. the dedicated building around Taj Mahal
 - C. the panorama around Taj Mahal
 - D. the architecture of Taj mahal

21. Taj Mahal is well-known because
- it is a symbol of the Emperor's love to his wife
 - it was dedicated to respect the Empress
 - it has beautiful architecture and history
 - it was built for about 22 years
22. "This building was established during the reign of Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan." The underlined word is closest in meaning to
- reconstructed
 - renovated
 - founded
 - rebuilt
23. "... Taj Mahal as a symbol of his love to the Empress." The underlined word refers to
- Mughal Emperor's
 - Empress Arjumand's
 - Minister's
 - Empress Mumtaz Mahal's

Read the text and answer questions 24 to 27.

It was six in the morning when my mother woke me up to go to market with her. My eyelids were so heavy that when I opened them to look at her, all I saw everything blur. I dragged myself from bed and began to change cloth.

We took a short walk to the market. My mother went on and on about what she was going to buy for the day. That helped wake me up. By the end of that short walk, I gathered that she was going to cook stew shepherd's pie for the day.

The market was very crowded. I was wearing sneakers. I made it to avoid the fish stalls that the floors were always muddy and wet. The old chicken seller was as friendly as usual, greeting my mother with the widest **grin**. My mother bargained hard for the best price and they landed on a price they could both agree after two minutes.

When my mother finished her marketing, we sat down at the food centre for our breakfast. I looked into the plastic bags and saw that she had some fish in them too. It is too bad that I seldom pay attention to how my mother chooses the food that she buys, preferring instead to pay more attention to the people around me.

24. What is the text about?
- The writer's experience to do shopping at the market nearby.
 - The writer's new experience of bargaining in the market.
 - The writer's rare chance of shopping with her mother.
 - The writer's feeling during shopping in the market.
25. Why did the writer wear sneakers? He wanted to....
- avoid the fish stall floor
 - take a short walk to the market
 - get attention from people in the market
 - protect his feet from the muddy and wet floor

26. What did the writer do after dragging himself from the bed?
 A. He open his eyes widely.
 B. He looked at his mother.
 C. He began to get dressed.
 D. He started walking to the market.
27. ... I gathered that she was going to cook stew shepherd's pie for the day."
 (Paragraph 2)
 The underlined word is closest in meaning to
 A. decided
 B. collected
 C. concluded
 D. mentioned

Read the text and answer questions 28 to 31.

How to Operate An Electronic Rice Cooker



Steps :

1. Wash the cooking pot and make sure the inner side is clean.
2. Measure the rice by using the measurement cup and put the rice into the cooking pot. Make sure to give space for the rice, water and the expansion.
3. Rinse the rice so that we can remove the pesticides that may be present.
4. Add some water into the cooking pot, usually we need to see the water is 1cm above the rice surface.
5. Soak the rice for about 30 minutes in order to make the cooked rice sticker.
6. Put the cooking pot along with the rice and water into the Rice Cooker.
7. Close the Rice Cooker lid and then plug the cable into the electricity socket.
8. Start the Rice Cooker by pressing the Cooking/Timer Button.
9. Wait until the cooking process is over.
10. Open the lid and the rice is ready to be served.

28. The text is written to
 A. guide us to set a Rice Cooker
 B. tell us the way to use a Rice Cooker
 C. inform us how to make a Rice Cooker
 D. know how to cook rice using Rice Cooker

29. How do we know that the Rice Cooker has started to operate?
- A. By plugging out the cable from the electricity socket.
 - B. After pressing the Cooking or Timer Button.
 - C. After waiting until the cooking is over.
 - D. By closing the Rice Cooker lid.
30. Why should we wash the rice ? Because
- A. the rice will be cooked easily
 - B. the rice will be ready to be served
 - C. it does not need long time to cook the rice
 - D. it can clean the pesticides that may be present
31. "Close the Rice Cooker **lid** and.... "(step 7)
The word 'lid' is closest in meaning to
- A. cap
 - B. door
 - C. handle
 - D. cover

Read the text and answer questions 32 to 25.

The Frog in the Well

There was a frog that lived in a shallow well.

"Look how well off I am here!" he told a big turtle from the Eastern Ocean. "I can hop along the wall of the well when I go out, and rest by a crack in the bricks on my return. I can imagine everything with only my head above water. No crabs can compare with me. I am master of the water and lord of this shallow well. Why don't you come here more often to have a good time? "

Before the turtle from the Eastern Ocean could get his left foot into the well, he caught his right claw on something. So he stopped and stepped back then began to describe the ocean to the frog.

"It's more than a thousand miles across and more than ten thousand feet deep. In ancient times there were floods more than ten years, but yet the water in the ocean never increased. And later there were droughts more than eight years, but yet the water in the ocean never grew less. It has remained quite constant through the ages. That is why I like to live in the Eastern Ocean. "

Then the frog in the shallow well was silent and felt a little abashed.

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32. What does the story tell us about?
- A. A boastful frog and a wise turtle.
 - B. A boastful frog and superior turtle.
 - C. An arrogant frog and a boastful turtle.
 - D. An arrogant frog and an inferior turtle.

33. What would probably happen to the frog if the turtle didn't tell about ocean?
- A. He kept boasting.
 - B. He got embarrassed.
 - C. He went on tricking.
 - D. He realized his mistake.
34. Why did the frog tell the turtle about the well? He wanted to
- A. show his well
 - B. mock the turtle
 - C. convince the turtle
 - D. welcome the turtle
35. What can we learn from the story?
- A. Don't judge the book by its cover
 - B. There is still an eleventh heaven
 - C. Rain doesn't stay in the sky
 - D. Fortune favors the bold

Read the text and answer questions 36 to 39.

A heat wave is a period of excessively hot weather, which may be accompanied by high humidity, especially in oceanic climate countries. The definition recommended by the World Meteorological Organization is when the daily maximum temperature of more than five consecutive days exceeds the average maximum temperature by 5 °C (9 °F), the normal period being 1961–1990.

While definitions vary, a heat wave is measured relative to the usual weather in the area and relative to normal temperatures for the season. Temperatures that people from a hotter climate consider normal can be termed a heat wave in a cooler area if they are outside the normal climate pattern for that area. The worst heat wave in recent history was the European heat wave of 2003.

The 2010 Northern Hemisphere summer resulted in severe heat waves, which killed over 2,000 people. It resulted in hundreds of wildfires which causing widespread air pollution, and burned thousands of square miles of forest.

36. What is the text mainly about?
- A. Heat waves.
 - B. Oceanic heat wave.
 - C. European heat wave.
 - D. Northern Hemisphere.
37. How can a heat wave be determined relatively?
- A. It is measured to the usual weather and normal temperature.
 - B. It gives serious impacts to the environment.
 - C. It resulted in bad widespread wildfires.
 - D. It is accompanied by high humidity.

38. Which heat wave resulted in the most human victim?

- A. Heat wave in 2003.
- B. European heat wave.
- C. Heat wave in normal climate.
- D. Northern Hemisphere summer.

39. The text is mainly important for

- A. social agents
- B. marketing business
- C. agricultural planners
- D. environmental agents

Read the text and answer questions 40 to 42.

POINSETTIAS



The poinsettia is native to Mexico. It is found in the wild in deciduous tropical forest at moderate elevations. It is also found in the interior in the hot, seasonally dry forests. There are over 100 cultivated varieties of poinsettia.

Poinsettias remain one of the most popular holiday flowers. Hybridizers have expanded the range of colors from the familiar red to pastel yellow and vibrant bi-colors.

The showy colored parts of Poinsettias that most people think of as the flowers are actually colored bracts (modified leaves). The yellow flowers, or *cyathia*, are in the center of the colorful bracts. The plant drops its bracts and leaves soon after those flowers shed their pollen. For the longest-lasting Poinsettias, choose plants with little or no yellow pollen showing,

To keep the poinsettia in bloom as long as possible, maintain a temperature of 65 - 75 degrees F. during the day. Dropping the temperature to about 60 degrees F at night will not hurt the plant. However, cold drafts or allowing the leaves to touch a cold window can injure the leaves and cause premature leaf drop. If you've ever seen a gangly poinsettia in bloom, with only a couple of sad looking leaves hanging on, it was probably exposed to temperatures that were too cool or extreme shifts in temperature.

40. What is the purpose of writing the text?

- A. To explain the use of poinsettias.
- B. To describe poinsettias in general.
- C. To tell how to keep poinsettias fresh.
- D. To persuade people to popularize poinsettias.

41. Paragraph 3 describes poinsettias in terms of its
- habitat
 - function
 - anatomy
 - cultivation
42. "However, cold drafts or allowing the leaves to touch a cold window can injure the leaves and cause premature leaf drop."
What can we infer from the sentence?
- Poinsettia leaves can grow well in cold water.
 - Don't put poinsettia leaves in cold air, otherwise it will drop.
 - In cold weather poinsettia leaves won't cause premature condition.
 - We can enjoy many poinsettia leaves through the window in summer.

Read the text and answer questions 43 to 45.

When I was 8 years old, I used to go for music class two blocks away from home. Whenever I had to pay fees to the music class, my grandpa would accompany me so that he could hand over the money safely.

One day my grandpa gave me the fees (100 rupees I guess) and asked me to take it carefully as he could not come. I was scared that I would lose the money. I kept it in my notebook. While walking I looked at it every few seconds to make sure that it was there. To my surprise, when I opened the book half way to the class, the money wasn't there! I didn't know how I lost it. I came back all the way searching for it and couldn't find it. I was running here and there which made a dog mad and it started chasing me. I ran home crazily. When I reached home I was panting and crying terribly. I was still in shock that when my grandparents asked me what happened, I just said "Dog.. Dog".. They thought a dog actually bit me and were very tense. When the situation settled down, I told them what had happened. They did not scold me for losing the money because they were relieved that I wasn't bitten by a dog.

43. From the text we know that
- the writer's grandpa often spoilt his grandson
 - the writer lost his money right after he got it
 - the writer forgot where he put his money
 - the writer's grandpa was annoyed
44. Why did the dog run after the writer? Because...
- the writer ran helter and shelter
 - the writer ran home crazily
 - the dog was fierce
 - the dog was wild
45. The writer's grandparents didn't get angry ... he lost his money.
- although
 - because
 - moreover
 - nevertheless

Read the text and answer questions 46 to 48.

The Tiger and the Hare

A Tiger named Blind Fury became the king of a forest. He made a law that every day an animal should appease his hunger by falling a prey to him. At this rate, in the course of a few months, a great number of animals had been eaten up; the beasts that remained held a council.

A hare among them, named Tiny Trick, observed, "I have a trick whereby I can get rid of Blind Fury, if you would let me take my chance with him tomorrow."

They agreed. The usual breakfast hour of Blind Fury was nine; but Tiny Trick trudged on, and came to him at twelve.

"Hullo! You rude little wretch! what keeps you so long from our presence?" said Blind Fury.

"May it please your majesty," said Tiny Trick, "in a well by the road I have travelled there is another king like your majesty. He said I should not go without appeasing his hunger. It was with difficulty I could obtain permission of him to see you, your majesty, for a moment and return."

"Lead the way to the well," said Blind Fury.

"Yes, your majesty," said Tiny Trick.

When Blind Fury came to the well he found his own shadow reflected in it, and, fancying that it was another tiger, a rival, leapt into it and was drowned. The beasts of the forest praised Tiny Trick as the savior of the state.

It happens that little folks do great things for the public good.

<http://oaks.nvg.org/ifab67.html#bracelet>

46. What is the purpose of writing the text?
 - A. To describe how Tiny Trick did clever solution for other animals.
 - B. To amuse the readers with the story of Tiny Trick and Blind Fury.
 - C. To inform the characteristics of Tiny Trick and Blind Fury.
 - D. To persuade the readers to treat a hare well.
47. What was Blind Fury's response to Tiny Trick's argument?
 - A. He was challenged to find the king.
 - B. He wanted to negotiate with the king.
 - C. He wanted to ask permission for Tiny Trick.
 - D. He did not believe to Tiny Trick's argument.
48. "It was with difficulty I could obtain permission of him to see you, your majesty..."
 The underlined word refers to
 - A. Blind Fury
 - B. Tiny Trick
 - C. the king
 - D. the beast

Read the text and answer questions 49 to 50.

Dear James,

Knowing the close bond you shared with her, I am sure you are going through the most difficult and trying time. I am deeply grieved to hear your loss of Mom and know that my prayers are always with you. Be tough.

Jeanette

49. What is the writer's intention to write the text?
- A. To show her sadness of losing her Mom.
 - B. To motivate James coping with his hard time.
 - C. To express sympathy to James' Mom's death.
 - D. To express gratitude to James for his companionship.
50. "Knowing the close bond you shared with, I am sure you are going through the most difficult and trying time."
We can infer from this statement that James
- A. never shared living with her Mom
 - B. neglects her Mom for long time
 - C. stayed away from her Mom
 - D. loves her Mom very much